



The Yacht Club of Hilton Head Island

The Main Sheet

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MESSAGE FROM THE COMMODORE



The 40th Anniversary Dinner party on April 17th was a huge success. I want to thank all the help we received from various members. There were 79 in attendance including nine previous Commodores. They each gave a short outline of their time as Commodore. The food and ambience was excellent and everyone enjoyed the entertainment provided by Gary Maurer, the magician. I want to especially thank the Nauti Ladies for paying for the rental of the champagne glasses, flowers and napkins and for all that they do. I want to also thank Dennis Foley for cleaning the tile at the front entrance; Connie Walsh and Linda Harris for the flowers; and Dick Lewis for printing the nametags. Also thanks go to Megan Yeoman, Clyde Harris and Suzy Priegel for the wonderful meal, and Jim Kola, the committee chairman, and Ray Faust for contracting the magician. We had about a dozen members show up on Sunday morning to decorate and set up the tables. I have posted the photos on the bulletin board in the hall from the party

We now have a new company that is removing our trash and recycling. Republic Services took over on April 1st. We now have an extra trashcan in the dining room for recycling. Please take time to sort your trash when eating and dining at the club so that we can do our part.

Time Warner is now our phone, internet, and TV provider for the club. They installed the new equipment on April 15th. We will save approximately \$50 a month.

Derby Day is May 7th at the club. Activities start at 4 PM. Leslie Gilroy has committed to heading up the committee again. Everyone should bring an appetizer to share. Prizes will be awarded for hats, outfits and food. Betting starts at 5 PM. We will have several TV's set up in the club for watching the most exciting 2 minutes in sports. The Nauti Ladies will decorate the club that morning. This is always the best party of the year at the club, so please come and enjoy.

Our clean up day has been moved to June 11th. Dennis Foley is asking for all members who can help, to please come at 10 AM for the project. Please bring your rakes, clippers, and gloves. The club will provide a free lunch.

The updated complete directories have been printed and are available at the club. Thanks to Dick Lewis for his hard work with the updates and Jim Vaughn for getting these printed.

The pool will be open on May 30th, Memorial Day. Kenny Priegel has taken over this endeavor. I want to thank Eric Burns for all he did last year in keeping the pool open and in good shape.

We have a new member, Ed & Linda Silcott from Baltimore, Md. They are non-resident members and live part time at Palmetto Bay Marina. Please welcome them.

Our next brunch is on Mothers Day, May 8th. The hours are from 11 AM until 1 PM. The cost is \$13.00. Please sign up or call for reservations.

The Harbour Town Cup was held on April 30th. Thanks to Judith and Bill Lawrenson, Jim Vaughn and their committees. The race results will follow in the mainsheet..

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NAUTILADIES



* The Nautiladies were happy to welcome two new members to the group, Mary Greenwell and Anne Jones. We welcome all comers to join us for our meetings, which are on the 2nd Friday of each month at 1:00. We were also happy to have Sandy Heins back, after she was unable to attend for a period of time.

* The Club will be getting a cleaning by volunteer members this month. The Nautiladies will help with cleaning the inside of the building. Those jobs too big for us may be contracted out to professionals, and paid for by the Nautiladies.

* The Nautiladies feel we need to have some representation on the Board. There are times we have concerns for the Club, but no efficient or timely way to discuss them with the Board. Marilyn Owen has volunteered to represent the Nautiladies at the monthly Board meetings. She will not have a vote, but she can be on the agenda and raise issues or concerns the Nautiladies may have. Thank you Marilyn.

* Everyone likes to find treasure! Well, you will have your chance to do just that on May 19th when you participate in the Nautiladies Treasure Hunt by digging through the resale shops of Hilton Head and Bluffton. We will go out in car pools to see who can get the best deal and win a prize for it. The Hunt will end with lunch at Sigler's at 12:30. The cost of lunch is \$20.00. Reserve your spot by giving Marilyn your check. I can't wait to see what deals you all come up with.

* Wishing a Happy Birthday on May 2nd to Anita Peal, and Happy Anniversary to Diane and Dave Stortz.

* I hope to see you the morning of May 7th to help Leslie Gilroy decorate the Club for Derby Day, also that afternoon at 4:00, for the best Derby Day party in town. The pastel ponies are waiting for your wager. Remember members provide the food for this event so bring your favorite dish to share.

* Helen Kola



Gerards wins The 42nd Harbour Town Cup

The race was held Saturday, April 30th; it is the oldest continuous sailboat race in coastal SC. Chris Gerards and his crew in Ellipsis won the Harbour Town Cup, sponsored by the Yacht Club, the race is open to sailboats 20 feet in length and longer. Only seven minutes separated first place from third, a close race by all accounts.

The results were:	1st Place	Chris Gerards and crew sailing Ellipsis
	2nd Place	Randy Moore and crew sailing Bliss
	3rd Place	Bill Lawrenson and crew sailing ScholarShip

Chris Gerald was also the winner of the spinnaker class boats, while Randy Moore was the winner of the non-spinnaker class.



BOATERS REPORT...

Well, we had our first boating event of the year planned for April 16th, the key operative word being "planned". It was to be a social raft-up with the twist of a poker run. Many of you might remember our spring time plans for last year being somewhat impacted by weather issues. I thought this year might be different. There I go, thinking again. Some might remember that the name of my old boat was "BE BACK" and that I've recently bought a new boat, "BACK AGAIN". I now wonder if I should have named the new boat "KNOT AGAIN", as in, oh no Mr. Bill, not again, terrible weather cancels the first event of spring. But hope will spring eternal. Tom Caldwell was "thoughtful" enough to present me with a WEATHER PLANNING SNAKE BITE KIT and has encouraged me to use it immediately.

The great seafood and lunch buffet that was a scheduled boat-to, drive-to the South Beach and the Salty Dog has been rescheduled for May 21st. The menu will include oysters on the half shell or steamed, peel and eat shrimp, burgers, chicken, dogs, baked beans, cole slaw, potatoe salad, chips, etc. High tide will be right at noon so powerboats will have no problem getting in and we'll have use of the day dock. As we approach the 21st, there will be a sign up sheet on the bulletin board so that we have a good head count for the Salty Dog. Cost last fall was \$20, which included everything, food, tax, and tip. I expect the cost to be about the same this trip.

Also, on **Fri., May 6th**, we will have a pre-dinner presentation from Mr. Brian McCarthy, owner of the Freedom Boat Club here on HHI and Sav. The YC and Freedom Boat have reached an agreement that should benefit both clubs. Freedom has over 100 member families that, by its nature, are interested and active in boating. Mr. McCarthy has agreed to allow the YC to market those members with an invitation of trial membership to our YC to see what the advantages are for the active boater. We could not find a better organization and group of people for prospective members. In exchange, we have offered Mr. McCarthy some time to make a brief introduction presentation to YC members on the benefits of Freedom Boat Club, which will take place on Fri., May 6th, before dinner. I highly encourage the YC membership to show all the consideration due someone who is trying to help our club grow, and also offers an alternative to those who might like to become active in boating without a lot of the headaches and expense.

We will begin our relationship with Hilton Head Heroes with the first visiting family of May. Last year, 5 different skippers used their boats to give a unique respite for 15 families who have extremely ill children and were on the Island thru the HH Heroes program. Those skippers who helped last year have all indicated a willingness to step up again, and I encourage any skipper who wants info. on this program, or would like to volunteer, please contact Dave Shkor.

Dave Shkor, the powerboat guy



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Two of our A/C units have recently needed repairs and have been repaired. We are currently looking into having that company come every 6 months for needed maintenance.

Small boat Saturdays are still going great. This coming months agenda is sailing the Flying Scots and getting two Sunfish ready for our dock for members to use this summer. We have moved the next Small Boat Saturday to May 14th due to the conflict with Derby Day.

During the summer months, our parking is at a premium. Please make an effort to park in the rear of our lot when you arrive. Pull your vehicles all the way forward so someone can park behind you.

**Sonny Compher
Commodore**



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YCHHI May, 2011 Events and Activities

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Mah Jongg	4 Hackers Golf	5	6 Lunch Dinner- Standing Rib Roast Caldwell & Shkor	7 Derby Day Party 4:00
8 Mother's Day Brunch \$13	9	10 Mah Jongg	11 Hackers Golf	12	13Nautiladies Lunch Dinner- Pecan Roasted Chicken Compher	14 Small Boat Meeting
15	16 Board of Stewards 4:00PM	17 Mah Jongg	18 Hackers Golf	19	20 Lunch Dinner- Pasta with Shrimp Kwiatkowski	21 Satly Dog Lunch
22	23	24 Mah Jongg	25 Hackers Golf	26	27 Lunch Dinner- Steak and Mushroom Pie Logan	28
29 BRUNCH \$11	30 Pool Opens	31 Mah Jongg	1 Hackers Golf	2	3 Lunch Dinner- TBA	4

Brunch is 11:00 am –1 pm. **Bartenders in Red.**

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